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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AUTHORIZED COMPRESSION OF DIGITIZED MUSIC

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

was filed on November 29, 1999
as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number 09/448,253
and was amended on even date herewith.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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